

HOUSE BILL No. 1344

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-21-2-15.

Synopsis: Hospital staffing requirements. Requires a hospital with at least 100 beds to have on duty at all times at least one licensed physician who is assigned to serve only nonemergency patients. Prohibits a hospital from requiring a physician assigned to serve nonemergency patients to serve emergency patients during the same period.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 12, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 111th General Assembly (1999)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 16-21-2-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 15. (a) A hospital with
3 at least one hundred (100) beds shall have on duty at all times at least
4 one (1) physician licensed under IC 25-22.5 **who is assigned to serve**
5 **only nonemergency patients**. Implementation of this section shall be
6 subject to rules promulgated by the state department of health to ensure
7 continuous coverage by physicians licensed under IC 25-22.5 for
8 inpatient emergencies.
9 (b) **A hospital may not require a physician assigned to serve**
10 **nonemergency patients under subsection (a) to serve emergency**
11 **patients during the same period the physician is assigned to serve**
12 **nonemergency patients.**

